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In re Application of: Dac, et al. )  
Serial No.: 10/015, 220 )  
Filed: October 26, 2001 )  
For: Intra-aortic Balloon )  
Counterpulsation with Concurrent )  
Hypothermia )

Art Unit: 3763

Examiner: Hayes, M.

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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114 AND AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is submitted in response to a final Office Action mailed on November 21, 2003, in which all claims were rejected, and an applicant initiated telephonic interview on April 13, 2004.

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE), including the required fee therefore, is being filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.